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REMARKS

1. a. An AAA gun emplacement was observed near the Dresden (N 52/F 29) autobahn bridge across the Elbe River on 8 March 1950. Four AA guns with 2 to 3-meter-long barrels were emplaced and well camouflaged by earth-colored tarpaulins. The previously observed tents had been replaced by improvised shelters. Troops did service of the piece drill and aiming practice. Trucks were parked nearby:

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towing a searchlight

marked with the crossed-gun-barrel insignia

- b. The unit in the emplacement was relieved at about 11 a.m. on 16 March 1950. The canvas-covered guns of the new unit were apparently of the same type as the previously observed guns.

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The relieved unit went to Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) where it moved into the Neues Lager.

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2. The following observations were made in Dresden between 16 and 30 March 1950:

a. Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau:

Heavily occupied by about 800 troops of engineer units. Large piles of timber were in the barracks area along Scharfenbergstrasse. The training of troops included the construction of a 50 to 60-meter-long and 4 to 5-meter-wide practice bridges and the digging of communication trenches. Trucks

and numerous motor vehicles were observed in the barracks area.

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b. Former NAPOLA (Nazi Training School), Dresden-Klotzsche:

Troops stationed there had been reduced to 300 or 200 men, most of whom wore tank insignia. few motor vehicles observed there.

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c. Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Klotzsche:

Very little activity was observed in the barracks, from which tank units had left by road toward Koenigsbrunn in late March 1950.

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Other units allegedly left by rail. The troops who remained in the barracks were estimated at 800 to 1,000. Troops with tank, artillery, engineer and signal insignia were seen. Motor vehicles observed in the barracks area.

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d. Bucher Kaserne, on Marienallee:

An MVD unit of 500 to 600 men was quartered in the northern barracks section. Only troops with red-bordered green epaulets were seen. The southern

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barracks section was occupied by Soviet dependents.

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e. AA gun emplacement at the autobahn bridge:

Four guns with 2½ to 3-meter-long barrels and a caliber estimated at 88 mm were emplaced there. Soldiers did entrenching work. Timber was hauled to the emplacement from the Uebigau Nachrichten Kaserne on several trucks. Shelters had been built into the slope descending from the emplacement to the Elbe River. Trucks were near the emplacement.

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3. The following observations were made in the Dresden area in late March 1950:

a. SS pionier Kaserne, Trachenberge:

The troops stationed there had apparently been reduced in number. Several groups of officers stood in the barracks yard on 30 March 1950. Most of the troops in the barracks wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. others wore tank and artillery insignia. few motor vehicles seen there

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b. Koenig Georg Kaserne:

Activities in the barracks yard decreased toward the end of March 1950. About 300 troops left the barracks for an unidentified destination about 20 March 1950, according to a construction worker. The

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troops still quartered in the barracks were estimated at 600 to 700 troops. They allegedly belonged to tank, AT and artillery units. No heavy weapons were seen. Trucks and track-laying vehicles had ruined the pavement of Proschhuebelstrasse. There was intensive motor vehicle traffic [redacted]

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## c. MG Kaserne on Alaunplatz:

Lightly occupied by 250 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Ration supplies were stored in a shed in the barracks area. [redacted] few motor vehicles observed there [redacted]

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## d. Schuetzen Kaserne north of Alaunplatz

Lightly occupied by 200 to 300 troops. Soldiers with black epaulets and signal insignia prevail in the northern barracks section while mostly soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were in the southern barracks section. Intensive work was done in the motor vehicle repair shop in the barracks area. [redacted]

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## e. Fallschirmjaeger Kaserne, Nickern:

still occupied by about 500 troops of tank and artillery units. No heavy weapons were seen. Motor vehicles operating in the barracks area had

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Comment:

a. Occupation of barracks:

The report indicates that some barracks were less heavily occupied than previously reported  50X1-HUM

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[redacted] The reduction was presumably caused by the transfer to Koenigsbrueck of component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div and headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army that took place prior to the time of observation.

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(1) NAPOIA Dresden-Klotzsche:

Occupied by component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div, including the division headquarters and its headquarters units. A comparison with the last report on the occupation of the barracks indicates a reduction by about 500 troops.

(2) Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Klotzsche:

Occupied by tank components of the 11th Gds Tank Div, probably the 40th Gds Tank Regt and the 7th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt. Elements of these regiments were apparently at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds by the end of March 1950 as is indicated by the [redacted]

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[redacted] little activity observed in the barracks. The component units of the division also held their 1949 exercises at Koenigsbrueck.

(3) SS Pionier Kaserne, Trachenberge:

A reduction of the troops in the barracks took place after the beginning of March 1950 [redacted]

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[redacted] Headquarters troops of the First Gds Mecz Army and component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div are assumed to be stationed there.

(4) The report indicates that elements of the units stationed there (probably the 7th Hvy Tank SP Regt/First Gds Mecz Army and elements of a tank regiment/11th Gds Tank Div) left for field exercises in late March 1950.

(5) MG Kaserne on Altmann Platz:

Still occupied by headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army. Information on the other Dresden barracks tallies with previous reports.

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b. Previous reports mentioned AA gun emplacements at Kaditz Bridge. The report states that AAA batteries are also emplaced at the autobahn bridge across the Elbe River which is farther downstream. Both the relieved and the relieving batteries belong to the 4th Gds AAA Div

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